

*Boring Drill for the Department of Industries.*

116. MR. V. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): (1) What did it cost the Government to get down the boring drill for the use of the Department of Industries?

(2) For what practical purpose has it been purchased?

(3) Has any work been done with it, and, if so, with what result?

(4) What is the name of the officer who works the boring drill and what is his pay?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(1) Bh. Rs. 9,040.

(2) For well-boring, for irrigation and for prospecting for minerals.

(3) Work has not been commenced pending the fitting up of the machine.

(4) The Industrial Engineer, Mr. K. P. Padmanabha Menon. His pay is Rs. 265 a month.

MR. V. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): With reference to answer to part 3 of the question, may I know how many years or how many months it will take for fitting up the machine?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It will not take either months or years. The matter is under correspondence with the firm which supplied the machinery, and it will be soon installed.

MR. V. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know where Mr. K. P. Padmanabha Menon, the Industrial Engineer, is? Is he in the Industrial Department?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Certainly.

PRESIDENT: The Civil List will show that.

MR. V. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Does his work consist in fitting up the machine alone?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Not at all.

MR. V. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): How long has he been fitting it up?

PRESIDENT: It has already been stated that he has not started the fitting up of the machine and that the matter is under correspondence with the firm. That is what Mr. Paramesvara Aiyar said just now.

MR. V. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know where the machine is now?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I believe it is in Trivandrum.